U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT Lindsay Light II OU20 - Removal Polrep Initial Removal Polrep

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region V

Subject:

POLREP #1

Initial Lindsay Light II OU20 Lindsay Light II OU20

Chicago, IL

Latitude: 41.8918384 Longitude: -87.6228515

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Date:

11/8/2012

Reporting Period: 11/6 -11/8

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:

05YT

Contract Number:

D.O. Number:

Action Memo Date:

Response Authority: CERCLA

Response Type:

PRP Oversight Removal Action

Response Lead:

PRP

Incident Category:

OU20

NPL Status: Mobilization Date: Non NPL

Start Date:

Operable Unit:

11/6/2012

Demob Date:

11/6/2012

Completion Date:

CERCLIS ID:

0000002212

RCRIS ID:

ERNS No.:

State Notification:

FPN#:

Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category

Renovation and reconstruction of a former restaurant and side parking lot

1.1.2 Site Description

This 0.11 acres site is owned by Standard Bank & Trust Co., as Trustee under Trust Number 21032, dated May 18, 2011. Old Veteran Construction, Inc. (OVC) is the developer.

1.1.2.1 Location

164 -166 East Grand, Chicago, Illinois

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

On October 5, 2012, legal counsel representing OVC contacted USEPA to inform the agency that his client had encountered elevated gamma while excavating beneath the lower level slab foundation to strengthen the current foundation and accomodate planned renovations.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

The highest sample result from this October 5 work was 71.75 picoCuries per gram (pCi/q), which exceeds the Streeterville clean-up criterion of 7.1 pCi/g. Furthermore, 164-166 East Grand is across the street from Lindsay Light I, 161 East Grand, where the Lindsay Light Company refined monazite ore to produce thorium nitrate and manufactured thorium impregnated gas mantles.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

Starting November 6, OVC began following the interim action letter, which is incorporated into the executed Administrative Settlement Agreement on Consent (ASAOC). Copies of the interim action letter and executed ASAOC are available under "Documents" on this website.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

In November 2000, U.S. EPA performed a walkover radiological survey of the side parking lot area, but did not discover any elevated gamma. The Agency informed the then owner that no elevated gamma were found but cautioned that if the asphalt or concrete covering was removed or subsurface soils were excavated, it would be necessary to conduct additional radiological monitoring.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

On October 29, 2012, an ASAOC was executed between U.S. EPA and Standard Bank & Trust, as Trustee for Trust Number 21032, dated May 18, 2011.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	Medium	Quantity	Manifest #	Treatment	Disposal

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Conduct oversight of subsurface work as agreed in the ASAOC.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Follow the agreed upon activities in the ASAOC.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

2.2.2 Issues

An Environmental Covenant to require radiological monitoring of any subsurface soils that are not fully investigated or if known contamination is left on-site.

2.3 Logistics Section

Not applicable

2.4 Finance Section

2.4.1 Narrative

Not applicable

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

The ASAOC required a health and safety plan.

2.5.2 Liaison Officer

Not applicable

2.5.3 Information Officer

Mike Joyce is the Community Involvement Coordinator.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

Not Applicable

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

City of Chicago Department of Public Health

4. Personnel On Site

Not Applicable

5. Definition of Terms

U.S. EPA - United States Environmental Protection Agency

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

For additional information, please refer to "Documents" on www.epaosc.org

6.2 Reporting Schedule

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.